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Attached are the minutes of the Tenth meeting of the Support Action Panel.

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Nothing was included in these on by-passing the Support Career Board with recommendations. A Panel recommendation in this regard would be worded along the following lines:

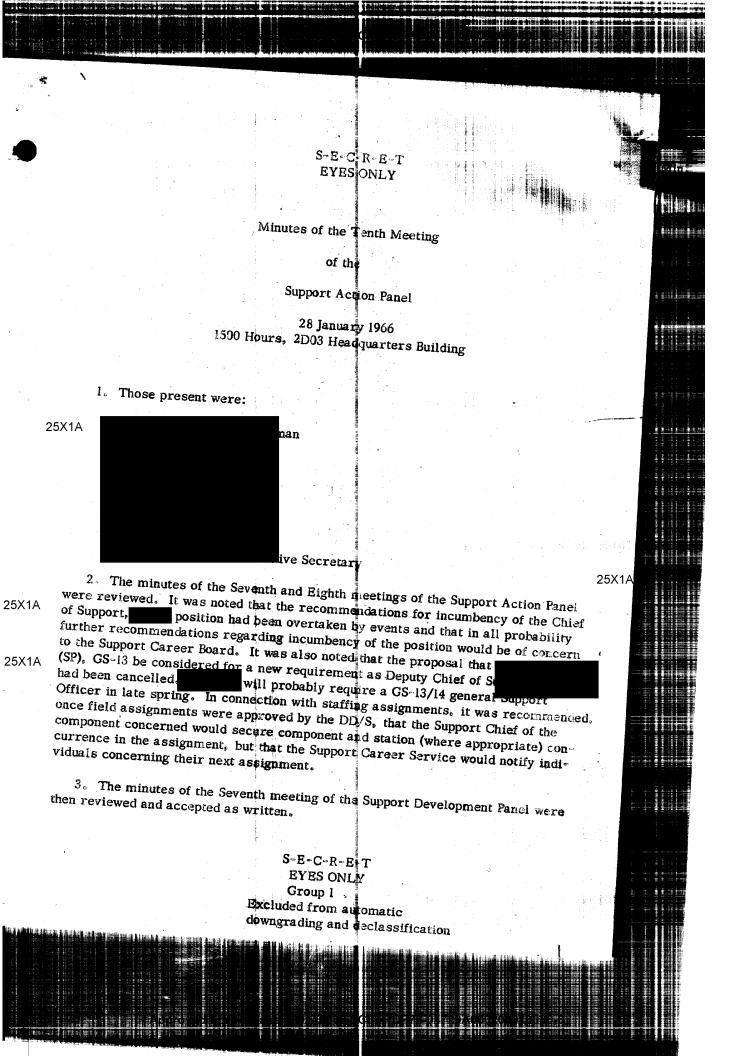
"The Panel then discussed the problems deriving from the present system of securing Support Career Board concurrence in its recommendations prior to approval by the Head of the Support Career Service. It was noted that delays resulting from the present system often defeated the advantages which could be gained from prompt staffing of proposals. It was also noted that, for the most part, recommendations made by the Panel were not of direct interest to Board members and that, when recommendations were of interest to one or more members the recommendations would be made known to them in the course of staffing the assignments. It was recommended that Panel recommendations be forwarded directly to the Head of the Support Career Service for approval."

I might point out that we have not in the past adhered strictly to the provisions of DD/S Administrative Instruction 65-ll wherein it states that "If no comments or suggestions are received within two working days, the Panel recommendations will be endorsed by the Chairman, Support Career Board, and will be forwarded to the Deputy Director for Support for action." The reason that we have not adhered to this practice is that, without concurrences from all Board members, we run the risk of forwarding partially staffed proposals.

These minutes, by the way, are on a Board Agenda for a meeting to be held on the 8th of February.

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